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Northampton Health Department Vaccine Clinic Offers Booster Vaccine with No Appointment Required

NORTHAMPTON - The Northampton Health Department will offer walk-in COVID vaccine booster doses starting Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the Elks Lodge vaccine clinic site at 17 Spring Street, Florence. These doses are open to all members of the public ages 12 and older. The clinic offers Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines although the CDC, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Northampton Health Department strongly recommend Pfizer or Moderna instead of Johnson and Johnson.

Health Director Merridith O'Leary says, "Booster doses are a very important next step in this pandemic, particularly with the still-circulating Omicron variant. Although case numbers this week are improving, I still strongly encourage all members of the community to be up to date on their vaccination which includes booster doses."

The upcoming walk-in availability will be as follows for the next two weeks:

Thursday, February 3, 2022 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, February 4, 2022 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday, February 7, 2022 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. AND 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 10, 2022 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2022 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday, February 14, 2022 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. AND 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Appointments are still also available for those who prefer to pre-register at home. To pre-register for an appointment go to the City of Northampton's COVID vaccine clinic webpage at: https://www.northamptonma.gov/2219/Vaccine-Clinics

Pediatric doses of vaccine for children ages 5-11 years are still available **by appointment** at several locations at https://www.northamptonma.gov/2219/Vaccine-Clinics

Regional mobile vaccination clinics are also being offered in surrounding communities **by appointment**. Those appointments can also be found at: https://www.northamptonma.gov/2219/Vaccine-Clinics

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